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Docket No. 4296-144 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

HIRAO et al.

Customer No. 26817

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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows: